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1. We discussed the modular exponentiation algorithm in class. Convert this into a python function. Test that your function gives the correct answer using the example  $3^{644} \bmod 645$  which we discussed in class.

Now, evaluate

$7^{121} \bmod 13$ . You should do this **three** ways. First, find  $7^{121}$ , and then find the result of that modulo 13. Next, use the function you have written to evaluate result. Finally, use python's built in % function to evaluate the result. Which procedure works fastest? Which is slowest?

2. We are going to explore the complexity of the RSA algorithm by trying to decrypt the system **without knowing** the prime numbers. Given  $p = 43$ ,  $q = 59$ , and  $e = 13$ , determine how long it takes to find the decryption key  $d$  by brute force. Specifically,  $n = pq = 2537$ ,  $e = 13$  and  $d$  is an inverse to  $e$  modulo  $(42 \cdot 58)$ .

Now select

- two four-digit prime numbers
- two six-digit prime numbers
- two eight-digit prime numbers
- two ten-digit prime numbers

and using a preselected key  $e$  (to make things easier, use a prime number for  $e$ ), find the time it takes to evaluate  $d$  by brute force. You'll need to factor  $pq$  first, then work out  $d$  as well.

Plot the times on a graph. If the time differences are large, use a log scale for your graph.

3. Let us explore brute-force password cracking.
  - (a) Suppose that a pin code has four digits. Write a python function to determine the code by brute-force method (checking each pin in turn). Test your function with 500 randomly generated digits, and plot the distribution of times it takes to crack the password.
  - (b) Repeat the above exercise for six decimal digits.
  - (c) Repeat the above exercise if the code can have alphanumeric characters (case sensitive). Do this for both four and six digits.